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From: Jim Burgess [jimbagg@virginiasurnames.com]  
Sent: Monday, October 19, 2009 8:15 PM  
To: Pierce-Web  
Subject: Response to Mr. Gill from Jim Burgess at Maricopa Arizona!

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Good Morning Mr Gill,

AZ CORP COMMISSION  
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Thank you very much for your succinct and clear email. The papers filed by Global Water seem to be reasonable given the facts presented.

Global Water has hired so many attorneys that the people must be on the wrong side of the battle.

I see that effluent water is not mentioned in their submission unless it is in the fine print of the last few pages.

It certainly is true that people are suffering in Maricopa. The end result will hopefully result that the citizens have fair water bills that are competitive with other communities in Arizona. If this does not happen the city of Maricopa is in big trouble. I am not at all sure that anyone cares about the people, whether they lose their homes or businesses. Heaven knows that businesses are protecting themselves first which I guess is true Capitalism.

Does the Corporation Commission have Attorneys that represent the people in all of this?

The statement in my previous email does not match with the paper that is floating around Maricopa stating that the rates are going through the roof. I have been studying this situation and cannot tell what the truth is.

Certainly the average citizen on the street does not believe that the rights of the people will be protected.

With all due respect the following statement seems to be on the side of Global Water.

"I cannot comment on the substantive merits of the case." If you cannot comment on this who can?

I must tell you that the people are a little frustrated with this line of reasoning. This comment meets the description of Duck and Dive.

That being said I understand where the ACC must position itself to be in the center. I sure do not agree with this as I see how people are struggling under the burden of utility bills from these large corporations. I think the people vote for the Arizona Corporation Commission. Sure hope we can trust them to make a wise decision.

It is very apparent that the people are at the mercy of the Arizona Corporation Commission and Global Water.

To be very honest I do not believe the people can be represented fairly in all of this.

Does it matter whether we have 700 petitions or 1000 petitions signed? Do petitions matter at all? I am beginning to believe that they are a waste of time. All I can say is that at least we tried. When do you recommend that I bring in the petitions that I have?

Is Democracy as big a failure as I believe it is?

Regarding the following: Seems like we should be able to have this in a location where a lot of the citizens can hear. The Commissioners are scheduled to travel to Maricopa and hold a public comment hearing on Tuesday December 1st, 2009

at 6:00 pm. The venue has not been finalized yet, please check back with our office at a later date or consult The Commission's web site.

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I hope that the meeting will be properly announced in the community of Maricopa. We have several examples decisions being made at time where the public does not know the results of the meetings. Then a small indescrpt post card is sent to the people. Then when taxes are due that are slammed with a demanding letter saying that the have 30 or 60 days to pay the taxes or utility.

Global Water seems to be an angel as compared with ED3.

How did the Citizens of Maricopa ever get into such a mess. Someone was asleep at the wheel. Asking the Arizona Legislature to protect the citizens of Arizona is an impossible task. What do I do with the petitions regarding ED3? We have two legislators. And one Senator. How can they ever stand up for their citizens.

I do not mean any respect with this email. The citizens are really sick of being financially abused and getting the run around from ED3.

If the ACC does not stand up for the people no one does. Just one last thought. I do not feel sorry Global Water. It is the people who are hurting and losing their homes. Seems that the solution lies in charging people fair rates and allow them to stay in their homes. I hope that the strategy is not to run as many people out of Maricopa as we can. Fair rates will keep them here. High rates will cause them to move. Not raising the rates seem to be the only way to go in my opinion.

Thank you for your email. I believe that you are the first person to tell the true the way it is.

Sincerely,

Jim Burgess  
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**From:** Antonio Gill [mailto:AGill@azcc.gov] **On Behalf Of** Pierce-Web  
**Sent:** Monday, October 19, 2009 11:16 AM  
**To:** Jim Burgess  
**Subject:** RE: Maricopa Arizona Petitions Against Global Water and Electric District 3 to the Arizona Corporation Commission!

Good Morning Mr. Burgess,

I am sorry to hear about your difficulties. If you submit your petitions to our office I will file them to the Global Water general rate case docket and make them part of the record in the case.

Global Water is a regulated utility under the jurisdiction of the Arizona Corporation Commission.

The first day of hearings on the case will be December 15th, 2009 at 10:00 am in the Commission's hearing room #1 at 1200 W. Washington St., Phoenix, AZ 85007.

The Commissioners are scheduled to travel to Maricopa and hold a public comment hearing on Tuesday December 1st, 2009 at 6:00 pm. The venue has not been finalized yet, please check back with our office at a later date or consult The Commission's web site.

Any written communication received regarding the Global Water general rate case will be added to the docket regardless of the date received. The exparte rule is in effect for the rate case and the Commissioners are not able to speak regarding the substantive merits of the case unless they are sitting in a public, Commission sponsored open meeting.

Unfortunately, The Arizona Corporation Commission has limited jurisdiction regarding Electrical District 3. Changing oversight over ED3 would perhaps be a question for The Arizona Legislature.

I cannot comment on the substantive merits of the case.

I am including PDF. versions of general information sections of the Global Water Palo Verde general rate case application that may answer some of your questions.

Kindest Regards,

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**Sent:** Sunday, October 18, 2009 5:08 AM

**To:** Mayes-WebEmail; Newman-Web; Pierce-Web; Kennedy-Web; Stump-Web; anthony.smith@maricopa-az.gov; jimbουργess@virginiasurenames.com

**Subject:** Maricopa Arizona Petitions Against Global Water and Electric District 3 to the Arizona Corporation Commission!

Dear Arizona Corporation Commission and Mayor Anthony Smith,

Since October 10, 2009 citizens in Maricopa Arizona have been gathering signatures on a petition against Global Water. We are asking for fair and competitive Utility rates for Maricopa Arizona.

In just 8-9 days we have approximately 700 – 800 signatures against Global Water's request for Price Increases. Should we continue gathering signatures? Is there a specific number of petitions that we should have? This is a lot of work. We believe that over 90% of the citizens of Maricopa will probably sign these petitions. This is a bi-partisan issue for our citizens.

We have been told that Global Water does not report to the Arizona Corporation Commission. Then we hear that Global Water is going before the Arizona Corporation on December 14, 2009. Global Water sent out an undated letter and indicated that the last day we could contact the Arizona Corporation Commission is October 12, 2009. Is that an accurate statement?

We have left messages with the Corporation Commission but no one returns our calls.

Worse than Global Water is Electric District 3. Electric District 3 is charging prices that seem to be way out of line. We have a similar number of petitions against ED3. Does the Arizona Corporation Commission have jurisdiction over ED3.

Electric District 3 is financially killing the citizens of Maricopa. Something bad is really going on in Maricopa. Should we contact the Arizona Attorney General for assistance. Will he listen to us?

Is there a possibility that ED3 could be replaced by first Salt River Project or second by Arizona Public Service?

When we call the Corporation Commission we get a message that states something like: Because of budgetary restraints the Arizona Corporation Commission is no longer taking messages.

A couple of Home Owners Associations in Maricopa have posted this information and we have included this on our petition. Are these statements true? Is Global Water really requesting these increases? Apparently these docket numbers just represent cities that Global Water works with.

## **CITIZENS AGAINST THE GLOBAL WATER PETITION**

**Maricopa Citizens are apposed to the Global Water proposed water  
rate increase.**

**All Maricopa Citizens who sign this petition are opposed to all  
aspects of this PRICE INCREASE.**

Basic Sewer Requested Increase: 119.2% over three years

Base Water Rates Requested Increase: 40% with a 6 tier usage billing

Reclaimed (Effluent) Water: 500%

Below are the dockets numbers for the rate increase and how to contact the ACC.

Please include docket number of any correspondence to the ACC

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W-20446A W-02450A-09-0081 W-01212A-09-0082

Arizona Corporation Commission - Utilities Division  
1200 W Washington Street Phoenix, Az 85007-2996

Hearing Date: December 14, 2009 10:00AM

We know that Global Water goes before the Arizona Corporation Commission on December 14, 2009.

It seems that the cards are stacked against the people of Maricopa Arizona. We have no money and no one to represent the citizens of Maricopa just petitions.

What should we do with these petitions?

Do we just appear on December 14, 2009? Will we be allowed to present our petitions?

Should we contact our State Legislators?

A local business person said something like, "We want something done now! What are you going to do? We don't have weeks or months!"

Is it unfair for the Citizens to expect that something be done quickly? These summer rates are killing us. This has been going on at least the last two summers

Why does the public have to go through all this? Is there an easier way?

We hope that you will listen to us?

Respectfully

Jim Burgess  
520-568-6079

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